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In re application of: Andrew M. PERRY

Serial No. 10/023,253 Examiner: LUEBKE, Renee S.

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Responsive to the Office Action, dated July 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This is a continuation-in-part application from co-pending U.S. Design Patent Application Serial No. 29/151,699, filed on November 6, 2001, now U.S. Design Patent No. D465,404 S, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

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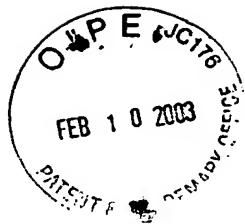
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims with the following rewritten claims:

1. (Amended) A combination comprising:  
a woodwind musical instrument comprising a shaft; and  
a device for supporting the woodwind musical instrument on a neck of a user,  
wherein the device comprises:  
a strap for looping around the neck; and



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